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Growers plunder, spoil ecosystem

Streams sucked dry; dope dogs maul livestock; diesel contaminates soil

Paul Mann

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ARCATA — The ruinous environmental damage inflicted by the marijuana industrial complex will spread, even if voters approve decriminalization this fall, say veteran North Coast researchers.

Although the environmental provisions in the pending ballot measure, the Adult

Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA), are considered the strongest in the history of big agriculture, experts warn that the state lacks the labor force and the resources for more than selective enforcement of the restrictions (*Union*, Jan. 27).

"I have little faith in the regulators to regulate," says Professor Anthony Silvaggio of the Humboldt Institute for Interdis-

The pot you're smoking may be full of poison.

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ciplinary Marijuana Research at Humboldt State University. "There are too many growers and too few resources to enforce [them]. Many counties have yet to make

moves on regulation, with the projection of two to four years before anything substantial happens."

For comparison, Fred Krissman of HSU's Department of Anthropology points to the lax policing of legal agribusiness. Despite regulation, "environmental, labor, health and safety and other laws are sys-

MARIJUANA ❖ A4

❖ **LAWSUIT**

Bolman, HSU settle case

Paul Mann

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EUREKA — Eureka attorney Peter E. Martin expects final details to be wrapped up in about two weeks in a \$105,000 settlement between the California State University Board of Trustees and a fired Native American science educator at Humboldt State University who alleged she



Jacqueline Bolman

was wrongfully terminated and discriminated against.

Martin said CSU lawyers will conduct a routine review before the signing of the settlement with his client, Jacqueline Bolman, former director of HSU's Indian Natural Resources Science and Engineering Program (INRSEP).

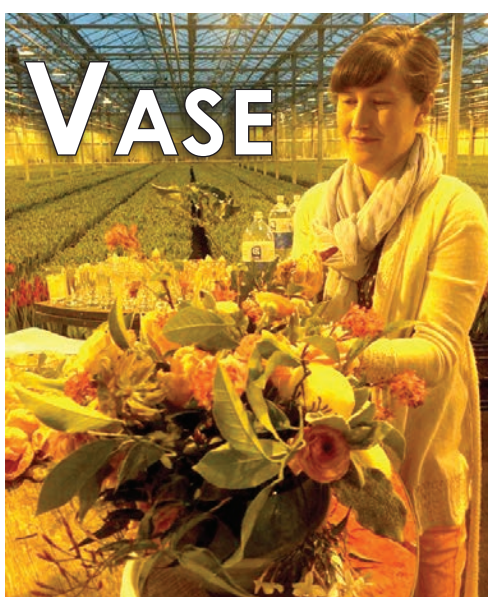
It is at Bolman's discretion to receive the award in a lump sum or as an annuity.

BOLMAN ❖ A5



LOCAL FLORA Amid vast rows of tulips in Sun Valley Floral Farms' greenhouse Saturday night, attendees at the American Grown Field to Vase Dinner enjoyed local food, flowers and beverages at a 152-foot table. The event celebrated America's largest flower farm, Sun Valley, and highlighted the quality and importance of locally sourced items.

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Faye Zierer Krause of Flora Organica Designs.



Flower Confidential author Amy Stewart, Folie Douce's Cris Hollen, Café Brio's Tamara Tafoya and Sun Valley's Lane DeVries.



Humboldt's 'banner year for tourism'

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — The county as a whole took in \$6 million in hotel and lodging taxes in the last fiscal year in what's been described as a "banner year for tourism."

The county's Board of Supervisors was briefed on the latest Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue tallies at its March 8 meeting. In a presentation by Tony Smithers of the Humboldt Convention and Visitors Bureau, the county was shown to have experienced a 10 percent increase in TOT revenue in the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2015.

The unincorporated county area drew \$1.5 million in TOT revenues. That's an increase of more than \$173,000 from the previous fiscal year, or 12

percent.

Smithers added that TOT revenue from July, August and September of 2015 shows even more growth.

"It's been a banner year for tourism," he said, adding that both occupancy and TOT rates increased.

"And even since the fiscal year started in July, you had another 13 percent (total) increase over the summer — that's particularly noteworthy, because the summer is when we're already full so to be able to grow 13 percent in the summer means that something extraordinary is going on."

The summertime growth rate for the county unincorporated area was even higher, at 17.6 percent, having grown from \$2.1 million to \$2.5 million.

TOURISM ❖ A2



Tony Smithers

Danco's Creekside Homes plan submitted for city consideration

Kevin L. Hoover

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ARCATA BOTTOM — Danco Communities' Creekside Homes housing project has arrived for consideration at Arcata City Hall. A six-page summary of the project is being circulated among relevant city departments and citizen committees for evaluation and comment. That feedback could be incorporated into the actual project application, which would have to be considered by the Planning Commission.

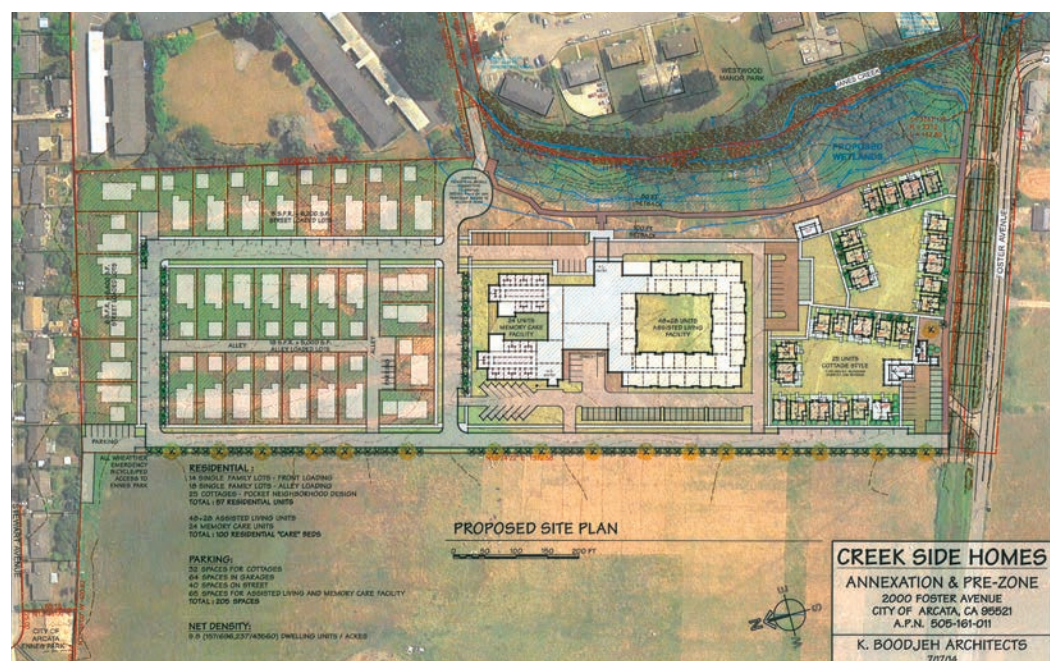
According to the the project summary Creekside would provide housing for about 287 residents in 32 single-family homes with 32 second units, a 100-unit assist-

ed living and memory care facility and 25 "pocket neighborhood" cottages. The 16-acre site would also feature a "preserve" and open space along Janes Creek.

A new 1.65-acre park would also be created on city-owned property west of Ennes Park as mitigation for creation of an emergency access road to Stewart Avenue and Wyatt Lane through the existing park. Access to Creekside would be via Foster Avenue at Q Street, with improvements to the roadway to accommodate increased traffic.

Additionally, states the summary, "vehicular access from the proposed development to Alliance Road may occur from 17th

CREEKSIDE ❖ A3



CREEKSIDE HOMES An image of the project layout submitted to the city. DANCO COMMUNITIES IMAGE



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| Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday | Thursday, April 14 at 9 a.m. | Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka | hbmwd.com/meeting- schedule |
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Kevin L. Hoover
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EUREKA – Justice for Mr. Nobody – the latest dog to have suffered abuse allegedly at the hands of Charles Wesley Cole – will have to wait at least another month, and probably longer.

Cole, 56, is a 27-year Arcata resident who is nearly always seen with animal companions. He is facing felony cruelty charge over a Jan. 14 incident in which he allegedly abused his dog in downtown Arcata.

His preliminary hearing in Humboldt County Superior Court Tuesday morning, March 8 was postponed until April 20 because Cole's attorney, Kaleb Cockrum, deputy public defender in the Office of Conflict Counsel, is pre-occupied with the trial of Gary Lee Bullock, 45, charged with the 2014 murder of Father Eric Freed.

Deputy District Attorney Roger Rees told visiting Judge Douglas C. Phimister from El Dorado County that Cole is accused of "abusing or overburdening his canine." He noted that a group of concerned citizens – more than a dozen of whom were in attendance – are asking that Cole be prohibited from further dog ownership.

Cole, appearing gaunt, slightly stooped over and wearing sunglasses in the courtroom, listened as Phimister said he wouldn't make any such order on the spot, due to lack of notice. But the judge told Cole flat out that he was concerned about the well-being of any animals who might be in his care.



JUSTICE DELAYED FOR MR. NOBODY
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF ARCATA might be one term for the concerned citizens who showed up in support of the dog named Mr. Nobody at Charles Wesley Cole's preliminary hearing last week. KLH | UNION

"If you don't treat dogs well, something else might occur," Phimister said.

When Phimister reassigned the hearing to a date more than a month away, a loose chorus of "Nooooooo..." rose from the courtroom gallery, dense with concerned attendees.

Following the hearing, Rees led the contingent of concerned citizens into a side conference room. He said District Attorney Maggie Fleming is aware of their concerns, and of Cole's history of animal abuse.

"I know that there are instances where he has hurt his animals in the past," Rees said. "We're not offering any deals."

Of Mr. Nobody, he said that Cole had "overburdened it to the point of exhaustion" by making the dog carry a heavy pack. He described the incident in harrowing detail, bringing some of the

attendees to tears as they stood around a conference table.

"It's clear on the video that this animal can't even walk up the step on the curb. The poor dog is so tired he falls down and collapses going up the step, then he's picked up and dropped, and picked up and dropped a couple times. It looks like on the video that he's unconscious. Mr. Cole does nothing to unburden the dog who is carrying roughly a third of his weight while he's walking and carrying Mr. Cole's stuff. He's using this dog as a beast of burden, and the law says you can't do that to the point of what happened in this case."

Rees said Cole faces a three-year jail sentence, which would be served in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. If sentenced to that term, under California's complicated sentencing laws, the judge would have to split the term to be spent half in

jail and half in the community "under supervision."

The mechanism for citizens to participate is to offer testimony during sentencing, if Cole is convicted. The case will go to trial unless Cole makes a guilty plea.

The cruelty charge is a "wobler," that is, it can be filed as either a misdemeanor or a felony. While the DA's Office has filed it as a felony, the judge could scale it back to a misdemeanor based on multiple factors – among them, the seriousness of the crime, Cole's criminal history and how the crime compares to others of a similar nature. "There's lots of things that can happen here, from no jail time probation to up to three years," Rees said.

Kim Class, executive director of the Companion Animal Foundation, asked whether citizens could influence the judge's ruling as to whether the crime is a felo-

ny or misdemeanor. "I realize the judge has the ultimate say, but we've been dealing with this for so many years – 16 for me."

Rees said he was doubtful, but would check. "You might, but I don't think you do," he said.

The dog is presently in the custody of county Animal Control, and can't be released for adoption without Cole's consent. Rees said he needs to work that out with Cole's attorney.

"Can part of the sentencing be that he never be allowed to have an animal again?" Class asked.

"If he's on probation, we can for sure say, 'no animals now,'" Rees said. "No animals ever is what we want," Class said.

Rees said those sorts of strictures are rare in the law. "I don't believe this is one that we could impose any life term on," he said.

"Please try," Class said.

If Cole gets three years jail, there would be no probation afterward, and no restrictions on pet ownership. But if he gets the maximum five years probation, it could include the pet ban for that period. Such an arrangement could, Rees said, include a condition of "no dogs, no cats, no fish, no squirrels."

Class suggested that Cole should be required to "service animals himself in an animal setting," and that she would be willing to personally supervise him in the activity at CAF.

Rees said that he's seen that kind of supervision yield results in the past, and that it could be effective in Cole's case.

Creekside | Homes

❖ FROM A1

Street or an extension of Foster Avenue over Janes Creek.

New pedestrian and bicycle trails conformant with the city's 2010 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan include a proposed crossing over Janes Creek to Alliance Road; a shared-use pathway extending the Hammond Trail along the project's south side; a north-south path on the southeastern part of the site to connect with the Hammond Trail via Lumberyard Road; and the emergency access road to Stewart Avenue that would serve as a walking/biking path.

The development itself would have a number of streets and a total of 205 parking spaces, including garages.

The city recently commissioned a \$40,000 traffic study to evaluate impacts of Creekside and a host of other new developments which came to light in January (*Union*, Feb. 3).

The main project area lies outside city limits on a former lumber mill



BOUNDARIES The project's footprint. IMAGE COURTESY DANCO COMMUNITIES

site. It is presently zoned Limited Industrial, residential One Family and Apartment Professional. The project proposes annexation into the city, and rezoning to Residential – Low Density and Residential – Medium Density

with a Planned Development Overlay.

When shown to the Parks & Rec Committee last week, members suggested that Danco might further compensate the city for the use of part of Ennes Park for the emergency road.



MAIN STREET NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS
THE VOICE OF JOYCE Arcata Main Street (AMS) President Vicky Joyce held forth last week at the downtown business organization's Office Opening and Oysterfest Kickoff. Located at 761 Eighth St., Ste. C (behind Libation), AMS discussed future plans, let attendees vote for this year's Oysterfest poster and signed up volunteers. Contact Arcata Main Street at (707) 822-4500 or arcatamainstreet.com. KLH | UNION

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❖ THE CANNABIS CHRONICLES

Toxic medical marijuana a neglected health risk

Paul Mann
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EUREKA – Although proponents laud the therapeutic properties of medical marijuana, environmental scientists warn that many federally restricted pesticides are found at grow sites, including at least one, Furadan, that can be fatal to humans.

Another, Pyrethrum bombs (mite bombs), can cause lung infections, thyroid damage and skin rashes. The devices are used liberally by indoor growers and are never tested for inhalation effects, Humboldt researchers say.

Many grow sites are contaminated by a toxic stew of pesticides, used illegally and promiscuously, leaving businesses and consumers in the dark about the health risks, which limited research to date shows are substantial and of particular concern to medical marijuana patients.

Among the offenders cited at a recent Humboldt State University seminar at the Aquatic Center here were Avid, Floramite, Metafos and Decon (rat poison), as well as Furadan and Pyrethrum.

Avid (a commercial spider mite insecticide), Floramite (pest control for ornamental plants), Furadan (crop insecticide) and Metafos (toxic by inhalation, ingestion and skin absorption) are supposed to be sold only by certified and licensed pesticide dealers.

But that stipulation is often willfully ignored by the sprawling underworld of the black market marijuana industrial complex that prospers on the North Coast.

Consequently, Metafos is found in large-scale outdoor trespass grows, says Professor Anthony Silvaggio of the Humboldt Institute for Interdisciplinary Marijuana Research. Poured at the base of cannabis plants, it kills species that feed on the roots or stems. Also known as methyl parathion, Metafos is a non-selective insecticide that kills beneficial species as readily as pests; it is toxic to fish and mammals alike.

Also lethal is Furadan, sprayed on cannabis plants and watered into their roots. It can be fatal if inhaled or absorbed through the skin, according to Silvaggio, who teaches at Humboldt State.

Over the years, he has conducted exhaustive archival and interview research of the marijuana industrial complex with law enforcement, environmental health agencies, county agriculture commissioners, U.S. Forest Service game wardens, CalFire officials, private timberland owners, fisheries ecologists, anti-toxins activists, indoor and outdoor growers, medical marijuana dispensaries and grow shop owners and employees.

A bird killer and one of the most widely used pesticides in the world since the late 1960s, Furadan poses the highest toxicity

to humans of any insecticide used on field crops, Silvaggio points out. One milliliter can kill a human. It is banned in multiple California counties and a federal exemption is required for liquid-only applications on state rice fields.

Ordinarily, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is in charge of pesticide regulation, but it lacks authority where cannabis agriculture is concerned because Washington prohibits marijuana, which is included in a group of so-called Schedule I drugs – “those with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse.”

A 2013 analysis published in the *Journal of Toxicology*, co-authored by Jeffrey C. Raber of the independent WERC Shop analytical testing laboratory in Pasadena, concluded that “the potential of pesticide and chemical residue exposures to cannabis users is substantial and may pose a significant toxicological threat in the absence of adequate regulatory frameworks.”

Raber and his WERC Shop colleagues carried out tests to quantify the exposure of cannabis consumers to pesticide and other chemical residues when they inhale. Rates ran as high 69.5 percent.

As reported in the journal, “the study clearly demonstrates that chemical residues present on cannabis will directly transfer into the mainstream smoke and ul-

timately the end user. Recoveries occurred in the highest quantity with the hand-held glass pipe, ranging between 60.3 percent and 69.5 percent. Recovery from the unfiltered water pipe ranged between 42.2 percent and 59.9 percent, and recovery from the filtered water pipe ranged between 0.08 percent and 10.9 percent.”

Allowing for the obvious differences in filtration rates, depending on the device, “the portion of pesticide recovery is alarmingly high and is a serious concern,” the lab analysis concluded.

Given the existing ailments of medical cannabis patients, “exposure to pesticides may create additional health complications and interfere” with the other forms of treatment they are receiving.

Raber and his co-authors also wrote that despite the fact that pesticides are designed to degrade “fairly quickly” in the environment, “it is evident from this study that some are highly resistant to pyrolysis and volatilize easily into the smoke stream.”

That finding accords with previous studies, they added, which pointed to the distillation behavior of pesticides in mainstream smoke. “The awareness of proper and safe pesticide use and application is very important to any crop that will be consumed, especially one that will be inhaled.”

The study is posted at [dx.doi.org/10.1155/2013/378168](https://doi.org/10.1155/2013/378168).

Marijuana | Growers kill deer, bears; their dogs maul livestock

❖ FROM B1

tematically violated,” Krissman charges. “Supermarket foods are produced in the worst and most unethical ways by basically a slave labor force [migrant workers]. The marijuana industry up here is a fraction of that and a fraction of the overall environmental health and other effects of legal crops that we just let slide every day, because we don’t want to look at how our food is produced and at what cost.”

Yet as Humboldt’s timber and fishing industries languish, the weed monoculture makes the North Coast’s environmental well-being captive to a raft of wasting horrors: Damming and draining of streams, watershed depletion (accentuated by four years of drought), fish, bear and deer kills, habitat destruction, soil depletion and erosion, poaching, massive pollutants, black market pesticide and rodenticide poisoning and the consumption of toxin-infused marijuana products that seriously threaten human health.

Cannabis agriculture continues Humboldt’s tragic history of rapacious practices in timber, fishing and mining, scholars warn. Fully one quarter of the county economy – about 26 percent – is tied to marijuana cultivation. Ironically, the illicit weed sector in effect subsidizes the declining resource extraction industries of timber and fish.

The economic and cultural hegemony of North Coast cannabis has normalized environmental degradation, declares Silvaggio, who specializes in environmental sociology and green criminology.

A “Wild West” laissez-faire mentality pervades the cannabis culture, he says. The majority of operators have no land ethic and “the sheer numbers of growers breaking environmental laws is staggering.”

As long as federal prohibition endures, he believes, so will the increase in the scale and frequency of all types of illicit growing on both public and private lands.

Roughly 10 acres of habitat are damaged or destroyed for every acre of marijuana produced. Humboldt County alone has 8,400 or more grow sites, based on research at UC Berkeley; possibly 50,000 or more operate statewide (*Union*, Jan. 20). Together, they constitute an archipelago of feudal-like fiefdoms with no “monarch” to rein them in.

Growers comprise not only “cottage” locals, but also what state authorities call Drug Trafficking Organizations. These malignant networks are populated by both foreign and U.S. criminals who make forests, public lands and open spaces unsafe. High-powered weapons are found routinely at remote, clandestine cultivation sites, although

Google Earth makes it easier to spot illegal operations.

Five years ago, in a single raid, law enforcement uncovered 56 cultivation sites in Mendocino National Forest. They seized almost 60 pounds of pesticides and herbicides, 13 man-made dams, 22 miles of irrigation pipe and more than 2,000 pounds of fertilizer.

The \$26.5 million marijuana seizure last year in the Island Mountain sortie captured more than 23,000 plants, nearly 4,400 pounds of processed marijuana, 15 pounds of marijuana hash in brick form and a 100,000 gallon-plus water storage bladder. Investigators found multiple dried-up streams and 40 greenhouse-like structures.

The UC Berkeley research, based on 2012-2013 satellite imagery of 62 of Humboldt County’s 112 watersheds, revealed that 20 percent of the sites surveyed were within 500 meters of streams and 200 sites were within 100 meters of streams.

In the wake of the Island Mountain revelations, Scott Bauer, senior environmental scientist with the Eureka office of California’s Department of Fish and Wildlife, asserted, “We have permitted less than one percent of all the grows in Humboldt County” – a red flag of the drastic catchup officials face in dealing with the North Coast’s on-rushing, unregulated weed economy.

Since early in the new century, cultivation has expanded greatly in both geographic reach and scale, state legislators say. In rural and remote areas like the North Coast, marijuana cultivation produces tens of thousands of plants, as at Island Mountain, with the use of industrial-scale farming techniques.

This is at the root of warnings that it would take a veritable “army” of AUMA regulators to wrestle environmental depredation under control. It is a costly, ceaseless undertaking matched by the exorbitant expense of land reclamation. The White House cites figures ranging from \$15,000-\$17,700 per acre. Full reclamation would almost certainly be prohibitively expensive.

And the dollar costs don’t take into account other kinds of environmental harm, some of them incalculable. “Just about every animal that lives in the forest has been found dead in or near a marijuana field, including endangered and threatened species,” says Silvaggio. “Interviews with growers suggest that bears are often purposefully gut-shot,” so they will run off and die away from camp.

Deer are killed because they eat marijuana plants; bears are killed because they eat the growers’ food.

Particularly vulnerable to criminal trespass are rural communities and locales with large ranching, agriculture and timber lands, say state authorities. That is certainly true locally.

Humboldt County Sheriff Mike Downey blames illegal cultivation for a new spate of vicious dog assaults on cattle. Growers use the dogs to protect their sites, Downey says. The canines roam free, terrorize livestock and inflict losses on landowners and ranchers, who have the right to kill the unleashed dogs.



ISLAND MOUNTAIN A deputy stands atop a reservoir bag used at the Island Mountain Grow in Southern Humboldt. PHOTO COURTESY HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Researchers portray Humboldt’s marijuana industrial complex as a leviathan of environmental plunder and despoliation. Trees and native vegetation are clear-cut; makeshift trail and road construction strips the land and mutilates habitat; fertilizer and plant hormones seep into streams and groundwater; wildlife and the environment are poisoned by the bio-accumulation of rodenticides; brooks and streams are sucked dry. Immense heaps of human waste, garbage and trash pile up.

California’s Department of Fish and Wildlife has documented an average of one pound of fertilizer used for every 10 plants. In one instance, 48,200 pounds of fertilizer were used to grow 482,000 plants – only 4,200 pounds could be removed during reclamation.

Synthetic indoor cannabis agriculture, which relies on synthetic nutrients, pesticides and fungicides, has expanded since 1996, when California adopted Proposition 215 and opened medical marijuana’s so-called grey market. When runoff pours excess nutrients into rivers, they produce dense plant growth that robs animal life of oxygen. Scientists call the process eutrophication; water pollution produced by chemical nutrients.

Recent California history shows that illegal grows tend to spike upward when the prospect of legalization or relaxation looms, as black marketers seek to cash in one last time.

That aggressiveness looms with the advent of the AUMA, which would decriminalize the recreational use of small amounts of weed if voters approve it on the November ballot.

Concomitant with this “strike-while-the-iron’s-hot” mentality is the relatively low price of diesel fuel right now. Growers use it to power the generators for the off-the-grid electricity which lights indoor grows. The current price drop is spawning a resurgence in what insiders call “diesel doping.” Generators hidden underground make it easier to avoid detection and the fuel commonly leaches into the soil, another pollutant. In the words of Dominic Corva, a well-known specialist in marijuana agriculture policy at the University of Washington-Seattle and an affiliate researcher with the Humboldt Institute for Interdisciplinary Marijuana Research, “Diesel is back and hard charging” the environmental damage.

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SUSPECTED THIEF This Suburban just drove up to the Arcata Fire headquarters, hitched the generator and drove away.

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Generator swiped, then returned to AFD

ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT
ARCATA – A large generator was stolen from the Arcata Fire District last week, then returned the next day.
Just before 7 a.m. Thursday, March 10, Arcata Fire District’s Kubota generator was stolen from the parking lot of its temporary headquarters office at the corner of Sixth and I streets in Arcata.
Arcata Police Department was notified and is currently investigating this incident.
The suspect was driving an older model gold or tan Suburban with mismatched wheels and tinted

windows. The suspect is a white male, bald and appears to be middle aged.
On Friday evening, March 11, Arcata Police received a call from the man who took the generator. He stated that he was leaving the generator at a specific location in Arcata. An APD officer went to investigate and found the generator, which was returned to Arcata Fire.
“The return of the generator was likely caused by the wide coverage of the theft in the media,” stated Fire Chief Desmond Cowan. The photos and video footage of the theft clearly show the suspect checking



the generator and immediate area multiple times before cutting the lock, leaving and then returning to tow the generator away.
“It’s great to see the support from our community in a situation like this,” Cowan added.
APD continues to investigate the incident.
If anyone knows or has any information regarding this incident please contact Arcata Police Department at (707) 822-2428 or Arcata Fire District at (707) 825-2000.

Bolman | Firing sparked protests

❖ FROM A1

She was summarily dismissed in October 2014 by HSU President Lisa Rossbacher for allegedly discrediting one of the school’s minority support programs. Officials considered Bolman’s criticism a serious threat to the university’s future grant funding and hastened to expel her.
“I think she had a good case, which is why they [CSU] were willing to settle early,” Martin said in a telephone interview last week.
U.S. District Judge James Donato had been scheduled to hear testimony in San Francisco in early 2017.
Martin characterized the \$105,000 agreement as “about average,” in dollar terms, in suits of this type.
“We might have been able to get more if we had litigated longer, but she wanted to put the matter behind her,” he said of his client. “It would have gone on for at least another year and they [CSU] could’ve appealed if we had won. She figured it would be better to get on with her life. It’s very stressful and difficult for the plaintiff, because the defense would have attacked her performance and her career. Even if you’re the best employee in the world, the defense will try to find things they can pick out and make hay of.”

The settlement falls far short of Bolman’s original demands, which included her reinstatement at HSU, attorney’s fees and sundry damages to be determined in U.S. district court.
The university endorsed the outcome in an official statement, noting that the pact has a non-disparagement clause and Bolman’s stipulation that she will not seek employment at either a CSU campus or a CSU auxiliary. “Humboldt State is eager to move forward now that this case is behind it,” the statement said. “The university was prepared to defend the case, but considers the resolution a good one. It was early in the process, and continuing to the end would have cost significantly more in legal fees.”
Bolman filed a Title VII and First Amendment lawsuit last May against Rossbacher, then-Interim Provost Jenny Zorn, Human Resources Vice President Colleen Mullery and Associate Vice President Radha Webley.
Title VII, a key element of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibits employers from discriminating against employees on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin and religion. The First Amendment protects free speech.
The suit alleged that Rossbacher and the administration acted unlawfully and maliciously “in reckless disregard” of Bolman’s civil rights, breached her free speech protections and failed to train its executive administrators in applicable standards of conduct. Bolman claimed wrongful termination, retaliation, discrimination, violation of due process and HSU’s failure to prevent discrimination and retaliation.
Zorn, Mullery and Webley were de-

nounced by faculty and student critics at the time for reportedly firing Bolman in her office in an abrupt and confrontational manner that was witnessed by at least one Native American student.
The dismissal and the way it was handled touched off a series of student protests and a weeks-long sit-in in early 2015 at the school’s Native American Forum. The protesters, whose numbers soon dwindled, backed down after they had vowed categorically to remain until Bolman was reinstated as director of INRSEP.
Eventually, the Native American-led protesters worked out a negotiating schedule with Rossbacher. Under the banner “Unified Students of Humboldt,” they drew up a 35-point platform as a negotiating framework.
But before long, the desultory talks that began a year ago this month petered out. The demands for major institutional and structural changes in the school’s beleaguered and resource-bled Native American studies program fell by the wayside.
Internal campus documents and email correspondence released under the California Public Records Act via a student government request established that Bolman assailed the administration of former President Rollin Richmond when she filed a status report to federal officials in Sacramento about LSAMP, Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation. It takes its name from a former leading black member of Congress from Ohio.
Bolman, both INRSEP director and LSAMP supervisor, reported in a federal status update that the Richmond administration had seriously undercut INRSEP by stripping it from the university’s College of Natural Resources and Sciences in July 2013.
The federal evaluation form that Bolman filled out expressly asked her to identify “any major obstacles/problems/issues” that had cropped up in connection with HSU-LSAMP or related programs.
Bolman answered that INRSEP had been transferred to a new, unfunded and therefore less potent agency conceived by Richmond in 2013 in his last year as president. Richmond readily conceded that his administration had failed to raise the retention and graduation rates of Native American and some other students of color. The restructuring was intended to shore up retention, a shortfall that has dogged the campus since at least the 1990s.
Bolman contended that INRSEP’s shift into the new “academic excellence” structure cost it substantial funding, with no acknowledgment by Richmond of the importance of maintaining INRSEP’s alignment with the university’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs and faculty. INRSEP students were seriously and permanently undercut, Bolman alleged, a move that critics said would worsen the university’s poor student retention rates.

❖ OURCATATA

Dispatcher keeps her cool under pressure

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – “When people call the police, they’re generally not having a good day,” says Miranda Baird, Senior Dispatcher at the Arcata Police Department. “Our job is to make things as easy as possible.”
Miranda fields both emergency and non-emergency calls from the public, keeps tabs of her officers’ locations and communicates with them via radio, sometimes all at once. Dispatchers can track dual conversations – one in each ear – a skill that only three percent of people possess. “It’s important to stay calm while doing that. People are depending on you,” she said.
Her reward at the end of the day? “I know I help people when it really counts.”



LIFELINE Miranda Baird at the Arcata Police Dept. PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF ARCATA
Meet more of the city’s staff and volunteers at cityoffarcata.org.

When you’re told you can leave, do it

• **Sunday, February 28 12:24 p.m.** Deputies responded to a domestic violence victim who was seeking treatment at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Eureka. The victim was uncooperative and refused to name the suspect. The victim allowed the deputies to photograph her wounds. She informed deputies that she had a safe place to go.
• **Wednesday, March 2 10:01 a.m.** A woman was pulled over near Anna Sparks Way in McKinleyville for a routine traffic stop after it was discovered that her vehicle registration had expired in 2011. When the deputy asked for her driver’s license, she said her name was Shinese Washington and that her driver’s license had been stolen. She was cited for an expired registration. A tow truck was called to take her car away and the woman was told that she was free to leave. In retrospect, that would have been a smart move, but the woman instead asked for a ride to a casino in Trinidad. The deputy informed her that to do so, he would need to search her for weapons. She agreed to this, and the search commenced. While looking for weapons, the deputy found a wallet and asked if he could look inside. The woman hesitantly agreed. Inside the wallet, the deputy found a Casino Club card with the woman’s photo on it and the name Monica Blair. When the deputy pointed this out, Blair confessed that she had lied to the deputy about her name. She was then arrested and booked into the county jail on suspi-



cion of providing false identification to a peace officer, violation of probation, expired registration, no proof of insurance and driving on an expired license.
• **Friday, March 4 11:46 p.m.** Cruising down Central Avenue, Charles Johnson drove near a deputy in a patrol car, then suddenly swerved toward the deputy, almost hitting him. Johnson then swerved back and forth in his lane. He was pulled over and arrested on suspicion of drunk driving.
• **Saturday, March 5 5:53 p.m.** In McKinleyville, a 15-year-old girl was taken to Semper Virens after she allegedly threatened to kill her family with a knife, then threatended to kill herself.
• **Tuesday, March 8 11:08 a.m.** An investigation continued on Young Lane in Manila where a man is accused being intoxicated on New Year’s Eve and raping a juvenile family member.
11:01 a.m. A fancy new iPhone 6 was left on the hood of a woman’s car while she went for a walk at Clam Beach. When she returned to her car, lo and behold, the phone was gone.
6:11 p.m. At the Milwaukee Rock turnout on the Samoa Peninsula, a woman left her purse in her car, with a jacket tossed over it. After a nice walk on the beach, she returned to her car to discover that the window had been broken and the purse stolen. This is now normal in Humboldt County, where windows are routinely bashed out by thieves.

Downtown gun fight investigated

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARCATA – On Tuesday, March 8 at about 8:50 p.m., the Arcata Police Department received a report of shots fired in the area of 11th and F streets in Arcata.
Officers contacted a witness who saw two subjects running up the dirt embankment from the Tea Garden Apartments at 1120 F St. to 11th Street. Moments later, a third subject ran out from the area of the Tea Garden Apartments and fired two gun shots at the first two subjects.
The two subjects were last seen getting into a tan or gold sedan, similar to an ear-

ly 1990s Toyota Corolla. The vehicle then left the area eastbound on 11th Street. The third subject, who fired the shots, left the area in an unknown direction.
The shooting suspect is described as a black male adult approximately 20 to 25 years old, 6 feet tall with a slim build. He was last seen wearing a white hooded sweatshirt and a baseball-style hat.
Officers checked the area and found bullet casings on the ground near where the witness reported the shots. There was no evidence found on scene of anybody being struck by one of the bullets.

❖ BOLMAN CASE

CSU: Acted in ‘good faith’

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – California State University’s defense in the Jacquelyn Bolman lawsuit rested on a 22-point rebuttal.
It argued that the dismissal of the Native American science educator from Humboldt State University was “a just and proper exercise of management discretion.”
On behalf of the CSU, attorneys Cathy L. Arias and Brendan M. Brownfield of the Oakland law firm Burnham Brown argued that when HSU President Lisa Rossbacher and her executives fired Bolman in October 2014, they did so “for a fair and honest reason and regulated by good faith.”
Bolman was employed at the pleasure of the administration, the defense added, asserting that “the state’s legitimate administrative interests outweighed plaintiff’s alleged First Amendment rights.”
Further, Bolman’s “alleged protected speech did not relate to a matter of public concern,” the defense claimed.
Bolman said she had exercised her First Amendment rights when she duly

Settlement near in another HSU case. A2

answered an express federal request for her appraisal of a key HSU Native American studies program. According to internal campus emails, the administration considered the criticism a threat to future grant funding.
The defense maintained that the Rossbacher administration “acted under legal right or in a good faith belief in the existence of a legal right.”
Bolman failed “to exhaust administrative and/or contractual remedies,” the defense added, nor did she produce enough facts to warrant an award of punitive damages or attorney’s fees.
As for Bolman’s claim that she was discriminated against and the subject of HSU’s retaliation, the defense argued that “any and all treatment” of her employment was based “on reasonable factors other than her race, national origin or retaliation.”

OPINION



News item of the not-too-distant future: Readers of the Mad River Union react with somber reflection on beholding the 2016 April Fool Edition, which comes out Wednesday, March 30.

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❖ LETTER OF THE WEEK

I understand how the public, including one of last week's letter writers, may be confused about the status of our welcome center facility, which is located on Heindon Road.

To clarify: Last year, due to financial pressures, the chamber ended our franchise agreement with the California Welcome Center organization.

We had tried to find assistance from other organizations focused on tourism. Unfortunately, only the City of Arcata stepped up to offer a portion of the financial support that was needed. This led us to end the state agreement and, sadly, lose some of the statewide promotion our area had enjoyed.

While unfortunate, these events have also simplified things, as we no longer have responsibility for pro-



A GOING CONCERN Despite funding issues and its detachment from the California Welcome Center network, the Arcata Chamber of Commerce remains open for business on Heindon Road. KLH | UNION

moting tourism in the whole region. The chamber will be renaming our facility the "Arcata Welcome Center" and will be re-focusing on visitors to Arcata and our immediate surroundings.

As we do so, the chamber will be working closely with the city and with other partners. Watch for new pro-

grams and efforts in the coming year.

For now, be assured that the Arcata Welcome Center remains open. In fact, we greeted several hundred visitors at the center during the first two months of this year, despite the wet winter.

Frank Whitlatch
Arcata Chamber Board President

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OPINION

Don't rubber stamp enviro-destruction

Humboldt County should comply with environmental law like everyone else, which is why Hummap is suing over the marijuana ordinance. But we are told Humboldt County will make no serious effort to settle our lawsuit because they believe we have no money. This is their arrogance of having taxpayer money to waste.

Our requests are simple. We want a healthy environment to go along with this new industry. We are environmentally friendly growers, so why shouldn't they work with us? I will guess none of them have even read the staff's environmental document (MND) carefully. No one who did so could in good conscience vote for it.

That environmental document was written for the October Planning Commission version of the ordinance. The ordinance changed greatly after that, but the environmental document was never revised. It therefore has huge errors. And the stuck-on addendum was not available in time. This illegal sloppiness enables gross opportunities for continuing environmental trashing. We want restraint. Fire-causing generator grows and the rubber-stamped

❖ LETTERS

large grows need to be put on hold pending more careful review.

Our request does not stop the program unless we have to go to court. But many folks are already waiting. Trinity County Supervisors have slowed their ordinance waiting to see what happens here.

The hope we will drop away is likely to be very costly. Are the folks who grew 86,500 plants at Island Mountain going to bail out the taxpayers? Don't count on it.

Robert Sutherland, for the Humboldt-Mendocino Marijuana Advocacy Project
Ettersburg

Daylight Failing Time

Ah, mid-March, and the daylight hours are friendly again. No more getting up in the dark, and, as a bonus, there's enough daylight after work to return to some outdoor activities. Ain't life grand!

Not so fast!
Along comes the time change. Now it's dark again when you wake up, and — more important — your circadian rhythm (your

body's internal clock) will be knocked off its pins. Smile, it's Daylight Savings Time.

Did you ask for the change? I sure didn't. It's well known that making abrupt changes in your day-night cycle is bad for you.

So why do we do it? For most of us the answer is, "because we always did."

Well, good news. There's a bill in the California Legislature that will give us, the citizenry, a chance to decide whether we continue this semi-annual stupidity. If you're as tired of it as I am, contact State Senator Mike McGuire (707) 445-6508 and Assemblymember Jim Wood (707) 445-7014 and ask them to support it.

We'll all sleep better if you do.

Jay Davis MD
Arcata

Six Rivers Montessori Barndance thanks

Six Rivers Montessori would like thank the community for coming out to dance and have a great time, making our third annual Barndance such a huge success. We'd like to express gratitude to our sponsors, Redwood Curtain Brewery and Humboldt Cider Company for their generous donations of delicious beverages to quench the



POWERED UP The Barndance. SUBMITTED PHOTO

thirst of hard-working dancers. The event couldn't have happened without the fabulous Striped Pig String Band, audiovisual specialist Tofu Mike and caller Lindsey Battle, who together created an amazing night. Everybody stayed powered up thanks to the array of baked goods donated by participants and the dedicated volunteers who did everything from selling raffle tickets to mopping the floor. The funds raised are essential for maintaining the excellent education and learning environment of Six Rivers Montessori. We look forward to another successful event next year.

Natalia Collier, Six Rivers Montessori Fundraising Committee
Arcata

Arcata House, Nonprofit of the Year, working hard as ever for the community

When I accepted the Nonprofit of the Year award at the 2016 Arcata Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting I did so on behalf of the dedicated and hard-working staff.

Over the last year, the organization has undergone some major changes. There was a severe funding cut, programs were changed in response and the long-time executive director retired.

Through all of this, staff stayed committed to serving their clients. The doors were kept open and everyone adapted to the changes with grace and dedication.

There were many others who have to be acknowledged as well. The volunteer Board of Directors provided leadership and remained very active and steadfast through it all.

The community support increased in response to the call for assistance. Volunteers stepped forward to help in a variety of ways. People brought household items that allowed us to furnish apartments for our clients. People donated funds through our GoFundMe and PayPal accounts. Checks came in from people who could only give \$10 and from people who could be more generous. And community organizations stepped forward to support us as well.

Faith-based groups brought food for our clients, took up collections and were available as emergency weather shelter locations. The police and medical partners were available to assist

when needed. And community organizations provided funding that was desperately needed.

I did accept the award as Nonprofit of the Year but it could not have been possible without the help and support of our staff, our board, volunteers and the community.

Thank you to the members of the Arcata Chamber of Commerce for your vote of confidence. Below, I have provided some information to help you understand what we have done and continue to do to address the needs of the homeless population in our city:

Arcata House Partnership's mission is to provide a program of assistance to support families and individuals building a more stable life, to educate the community about housing issues and to advocate on behalf of homeless people.

This is difficult and demanding work that requires compassion, and a willingness to confront challenges with bold innovative solutions. This is how we do it:

- Adult Shelter – we provide housing and food for up to 20 adults each night.

- Family Shelter – in three locations, we offer housing for up to 10 families on any given night. In 2015, the adult shelter and family shelter served over 100 people while they worked to overcome the challenges that resulted in homelessness.

- Food Security – we provide meals, CalFresh screening and case management to the homeless.

In 2015, we provided 4,500 free meals to 607 people, screened nearly 600 people for CalFresh and provided case management services to 131 people.

- Permanent Supportive Housing – using the Apartments First model with intensive case management, we serve 19 households at a time.

In 2015, we provided housing to 46 individuals and families.

- Extreme Weather Shelter – working with faith-based organizations, we have been able to provide a warm, dry location for people on the coldest or wettest of nights.

- Move-in assistance – because of generous donations from our community, we provide assistance to individuals and families who have moved from our shelter programs to apartments of their own. Assistance ranges from beds and furniture to sheets, towels, clothes, and household items.

- Education and Training – we have begun offering a series of educational opportunities to our clients. They include computer literacy, job readiness skills, nutrition and cooking classes, budgeting and money management and more.

We can't do this alone. We continue to need your support. Mail or bring your donations to our main office at 1005 11th St. in Arcata. Contact our volunteer coordinator if you have some time to share. Or go to our Facebook or GoFundMe pages and help when you can.

Darlene Spoor, MS, Ed.D., is executive director at Arcata House Partnership.



DARLENE SPOOR
❖ ARCATA HOUSE

Remembering two women of exceptional everyday valor

As I remember it, March was once designated as Women's History Month. I think it may have started during the 1980s. I remember KHSU and KMUD, then in its infancy, produced brief spots on women of note to celebrate and talk shows were devoted to discussing various aspects of women's history.

I don't know what happened to that, but I have three calendars and a date book and not one of them has anything on it about women's history.

Apparently all that remains of that month is March 8, International Women's Day. I might have missed that completely except for Google, which controls my computer and sends me unwanted messages every morning. Even intrusive software can be useful once in a while. But it is March and I want to remember a couple of Humboldt County women who recently died.

Both women were part of the Back to the Land movement of the 1970s. Kathy Epling was a poet, and she practiced that highest of arts with great skill. She also wrote an elegant gardening column in the old *Star Root*, a community journal from that era. She spent most of her life in book stores. First, the Orange Cat Goes To Market bookstore, which lived in Garberville in the days before Amazon took over the publishing industry and then in Second Growth, a used bookstore she operated with her life partner Paul Encimer. She ran an online book business, Tiger Lily Books, and followed the path



Kathy Epling



Marylee Bytheriver

of Thich Nhat Hanh.

Marylee Bytheriver was a founder of EPIC, a leader against herbicide spraying who once confronted a helicopter parked on Redwood Drive to prevent it from spraying poison into the watershed. She experienced great tragedy in her life when her children were killed in a plane crash. She was a visionary and introduced me to the concept of bioregionalism, which I took to mean awareness of place. When it became clear that marijuana was taking over, she was one of many who left SoHum to seek a meaningful life elsewhere. She traveled to distant places, married Alan Katz, also a refugee from marijuana and they settled in Arcata. Marylee became the director of Hospice. Her passing was in the best traditions of that organization.

It used to be said that "a woman's work is never done." The reference was to house work, the impact of the lives of Kathy and Marylee continue to work through the inspiration they offer to those still living.

Mary Ella Anderson appreciates this opportunity to remember two remarkable women and urges everyone to take a moment to remember women who have inspired them.



❖ CAMPAIGN 2016

Note: From now until the June 7 election, the Union will feature weekly responses from Third District supervisorial candidates on a range of questions about issues they'll have to deal with in office. The candidates have up to 200 words to address the questions; the responses are unedited. – Ed.

Where do you stand on dune restoration, efforts to help the endangered snowy plover and beach access for cars, horses and hikers?

Coastal dunes are critical habitat for wildlife and migratory birds. They are valuable recreation areas and provide vital protection from expected sea level rise and intensifying storms. Well-meaning restorationists have mainly focused on targeted species eradication and unfortunately, many of these projects have resulted in some unforeseen consequences. Those have included wetland infill from destabilized dunes, topographical losses, erosion, decline in plover breeding success, loss of wildlife and other undesired effects. To be honest conservationists, we must be willing to evaluate both the positives and negatives of programs we support.

It is time we take a serious look at alternative and fiscally responsible options for managing our coastal lands such as planting trees, as we are starting to do. (Check

out our Uri Driscoll Public Figure facebook page.) I invite involved scientists and land managers to participate with the community in honest, round table discussions moving forward. These programs have already sequestered a disproportionate amount of limited restoration resources.

My opponent has actively worked toward illegally shutting down scenic and historic coastal trails. That is unacceptable.

Personally, I don't enjoy seeing vehicles on the beach but county ordinances currently allow for commercial fishing, handicap access and traditional gathering on certain beaches. We need to respect the process behind those plans.

As your Humboldt Bay harbor commissioner, environmental engineer and volunteer I have worked on numerous coastal projects that balance ecological protection and restoration with diversified recreational access. I helped author the Ma-Le'l Dunes access plan, develop the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, and participated in conservation efforts, education programs and beach cleanups.

From this experience I have learned that our coast possesses uniquely diverse and dynamic dune ecosystem worthy of our stewardship. I appreciate the efforts of Federal, State and local agencies work-

ing with stakeholders and nonprofits for restoring native plant and animal diversity to these areas and providing public access and education. This includes efforts to aid in the recovery of the Western Snowy Plover that requires a multifaceted approach addressing impact of predators, habitat loss and human disturbance.

With good planning hikers, equestrians and others can "share the beach" with sensitive species. I support current motorized vehicles policies that restrict them to designated areas with provisions allowing commercial fishermen, elderly and disabled to obtain permits for motorized beach access.

As your supervisor I will continue to work with responsible agencies and constituents for a balanced approach for ecological protection and diverse public access to our amazing beaches and dunes.



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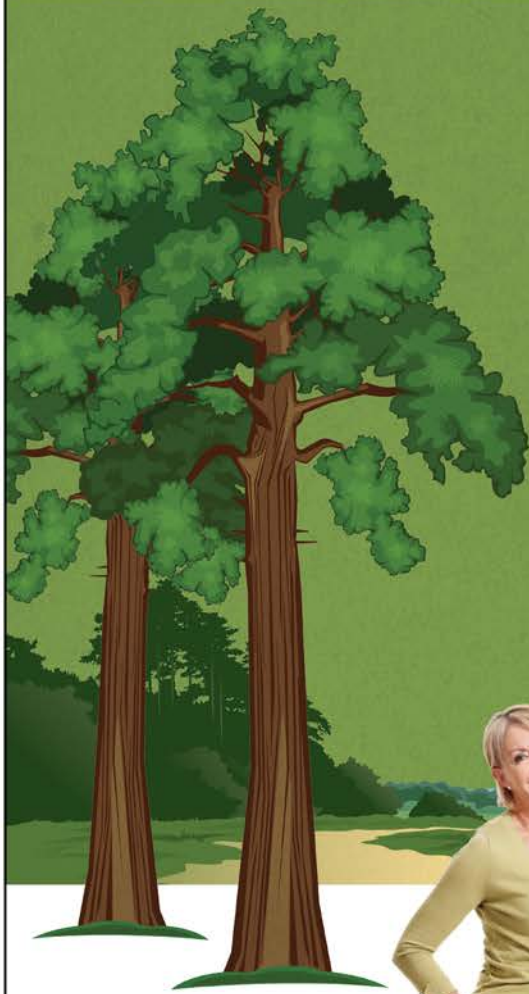
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SPEAKING FOR THE TREES This watercolor by Camilla Montoya, a junior at Arcata High, is one of many art projects on display at the exhibition.

Girls tackle global issues

Cheryl Kingham
SPECIAL TO THE UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – The Church of the Joyful Healer in McKinleyville hosts “Teens Speak Out: Global Issues and Social Justice” during McKinleyville Arts Night on Friday, March 18 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Through drawings, poems, stories, watercolors and 3-D multi-media pieces, local girls from sixth through 12th grade demonstrate that they can care about more than their cell phones and Facebook. Curated by Girl Scout Troop 70181, the art exhibit showcases the emotions and attitudes of teenage girls toward the fight to end hunger, gender inequality, disease, infant mortality, barriers to female education and the topic of environmental sustainability.

Student art from the McKinleyville High School and Arcata High School is also featured as part of the exhibition tackling the more complicated issues of environmental justice. Topics such as the Flint, Mich. water crisis, Paris Climate Change world conference, hydraulic fracturing practices and the negative impact of media on body image inspired posters, collages and paintings.

Reflection art by Girl Scout participants stems from an intensive weekend event that focused on the Millennium Development Goals set by the United Nations. That event introduced them to some of the harsher realities pertaining to world trade, child labor, lack of educational opportunities and food insecurity. Support from the North Coast Co-op's Cooperative Community Fund helped to purchase materials relating to hunger as a challenge for the Global Overnight Congress Girl Scout event.

While there is no charge to see the exhibition, visitors are encouraged to bring a can of soup or tuna to donate to the local food basket program. Donations will also be accepted for Nothing But Nets, an organization dedicated to reducing malaria-related deaths.

THE LARAMIE PROJECT The drama department of McKinleyville High School presents *The Laramie Project* as its spring production. *The Laramie Project* is a pioneering work that follows the reaction to the 1998 murder of University of Wyoming gay student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo. The murder brought widespread attention to hate crimes. The student actors will portray as many as 60 characters whose short scenes are based on hundreds of interviews. Since its debut in 2000, the play has been used to teach about tolerance and discrimination in many high schools and colleges. The play opens on Wednesday, March 23 and runs each night at 7 p.m. through Saturday, March 26 in the multi-purpose room at Mack High. Admission is \$7/\$5 for students and seniors. Light refreshments will be available for purchase during the intermission.

Messenger of salvation

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

TRINIDAD/PELICAN BAY – Will Schmit is that guy rocking the cash register nights at Murphy's Market in Trinidad. He's the one with the snappy comeback, the obscure sense of humor, and the kind smile.

When the store gave out nametags, they didn't have a “Will” but gave him a “Guillermo” instead. He wears it with affection and says that people are still apologizing for calling him “Will” all these years. He gets a kick out of the reverse political correctness.

“I love his quick wit,” Nelson Fagundes, manager of the Trinidad Murphy's said. “He gets along well with everyone around here. He's brilliant but I can't say I like the fact that he's a Celtics and Packers fan.”

You couldn't know by looking at Schmit that this is a man who drives the winding road to Pelican Bay State Prison in Crescent City once a month. He's faithful in his commitment to bring his message of salvation to the inmates there.

It's not always easy. There are numerous paperwork hurdles and sometimes lockdowns, or other reasons that keep him out once he's at the gate.

You can't tell by his easy patter and zany remarks that he's a committed Christian.

But, in the same way, you can't tell which of the shoppers at Murphy's have a friend or relative in prison.

Most people don't know that this writer's nephew spent serious time in prison for hard drugs and drug-related crime.

It's not something you talk about over coffee.

Schmit wants to let families know that their relatives inside are in his heart and prayers.

He's written a book about his ministry, partly to inspire others to do what he does, and partly to “replace the shame and confusion with hope” for family members of prisoners.

Jesus Inside: A Prison Minister's

Memoir and Training Manual is available at local bookstores and on Amazon.

In it, Schmit puts prison ministry into context.

“The Gospel going behind bars is as old as the Gospel itself and as timeless,” wrote Schmit in his book. “The letters Paul wrote from prison could be written and mailed today as legitimately as they were 2,000 years ago. Back then, they were delivered in person and read aloud from house to house, church to church, hospital ward to prison ward, person to person. This face-to-face encounter with believers eager for new information, for good news, is a common thread between today's prison ministries and the ministries of old.”

Schmit does that face-to-face encounter with the passion of a believer and the wit and style of a poet.

In fact, that's what he was for many years: the hipster poet and member of a band.

Schmit was born in Port Washington, Wis., a small fishing town that looks a lot like Trinidad, he said.

“They invented something called Wind Chill Factor in the seventies and I didn't want to know how cold it was, so I left in 1978,” he said. He lived in Sonoma and Mendocino counties and has been in Trinidad three years.

Schmit was raised a Catholic and went through eight years of Catholic school. “I was in second grade by the time I figured out the nuns were female,” he said. “My aunt, a retired schoolteacher, had taught me to write longhand before I went to school. The nuns broke rulers over my hands trying to get me to print.”

Schmit started writing poetry in high school, in response to an “imported English teacher from the outer world who didn't wear socks with his loafers who tried to foist Rod McKuen on us.”

He'd never seen poetry “except in *Mad Magazine*” but when he stood up to the teacher and refused to imitate McKuen, the teacher asked him,



POET & PRISON MINISTER Will Schmit makes the drives to Pelican Bay once a month to deliver the Gospel to inmates. JV | UNION

“Do you think you can do better?”

So he did.

After college, he ended up in the poetry/bar scene in Milwaukee and published his first book, *Woof Dem Babies Down* (Babylon Press).

He stopped writing and performing for 15 years until a dream brought him back to it.

“I had a broken foot and was taking legal pain meds,” he said. “I dreamt I was at St. Peter's Gate and he pulled the bar off the gate and whapped me over the head with it. ‘We put you down there to tell stories and what did you do with it?’ he said. I woke up looking for bruises.”

Schmit went back into the poetry thing, performing under the name “Wiley Jadavega” for eight years and forming a band called the Poetry Section Band.

“I think the last record store in Santa Rosa still has two copies of one of our cassettes,” he said.

But then his life changed. “I got so-

SCHMIT ♦ B2

Music, art and more at McKinleyville Art Night

MCKINLEYVILLE ART NIGHT

MACK TOWN – McKinleyville Art Night, the community's celebration of local art and artists, is this Friday, March 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. Find more information about the artists and venues and see additional images at mckinleyvilleartnight.com.

California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport – View artwork by Humboldt County artists Shawn Gould, Joyce Jonté, Peggy Loudon, Kathy Stotler and Marceau Verdière at the long-term exhibit coordinated by the Redwood Art Association.

Blake's Books 2005 Central Ave. – Silk scarves, shawls and silk paintings by artist-in-residence Tina Gleave, with music by Harry Smith on keyboard and Patrick Cleary, bass.

McKinleyville Family Resource Center 1450 Hiller Rd. – Bring your family out to a night of art and fun with special activities from 6 to 7 p.m.

Grace Good Shepherd Church 1450 Hiller Rd. – Photography by Al Bird and a special performance by the McKinleyville Middle School Advanced Band, 14 dedicated students from seventh and eighth grade playing a set of marches, overtures and a little taste of the movies. McKinleyville Art Night is the third Friday of each month and is open for all McKinleyville businesses to display the work of our local artists. For more information, contact coordinator Taffy Stockton at (707) 834-6460.

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A CALL TO ARTISTS, FROM STUDENTS TO SENIORS
NORTH COAST OPEN STUDIOS participating artist Thao Le Khac at work in her Arcata studio during last year's event. PHOTO BY MONICA TOPPING

MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – After spending the winter shivering in their garrets, Humboldt’s artists greet spring with multiple opportunities to show the art on which they have toiled throughout those rainy days.

North Coast Open Studios
North Coast Open Studios (NCOS) is accepting artist registrations until March 23. The 18th annual event, which runs the weekends of June 4 and 5 and June 11 and 12, includes artists and artisans from all over Humboldt County. Participants may choose to be open one or both weekends.

Open Studios is an opportunity for artists to make personal connections

with the public — fans get to see how the creative process works and talk to them about inspiration and methods. NCOS is also a great opportunity for artists to showcase new projects.

In 2015, 140 local artists and artisan manufacturers from Hydesville to Trinidad participated, including more than a dozen youth artists who had their registration fee waived so they could participate. NCOS is still looking for a business interested in financially supporting the young artists in our community through a major sponsorship.

If a young artist wants to participate, but doesn’t have a studio to share with the public, coordinator Monical Topping can help match the student up with another artist or location with available space. Adult artists may also contact Topping for more information on multi-artist “hot spots” throughout the county.

The deadline to register for North Coast Open Studios is Wednesday, March 23, and the deadline for sponsorships is Friday, April 1.

For more information or to receive an application, email contact@northcoastopenstudios.com or call the Ink People Center for the Arts at (707) 442-8413. North Coast Open Studios is a DreamMaker Program of the Ink People Center for the Arts.

The Northwest Eye
The Humboldt Arts Council has selected Jemima Harr as the juror of the 15th annual Northwest Eye Regional Fine Art Photography Competition and Exhibition. The call for entries is now available at the Morris Graves Museum of Art and at humboldtarts.org.

Since 2004, Harr has served as the executive director/curator for the Humboldt Arts Council in the Morris Graves Museum of Art. She is currently serving a two-year term as a board member for the California Association of Museums.

The Northwest Eye is an exhibition open to all photographers residing in the Pacific Northwest: Northern California (from Monterey Bay north), Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Yukon Territory and Alaska. The exhibition is sponsored by the Pierson Building Center. For additional entry information, call the Humboldt Arts Council at (707) 442-0278 or visit humboldtarts.org.

Being Here Now Senior Art Show
The Area 1 Agency on Aging (A1AA) and The Ink People host the 4th annual Being Here Now Senior Art Show to celebrate Older Americans Month in May. The exhibit, featuring artists 60 and better, opens on May 7 during Eureka’s Arts Alive!
The exhibit will be judged by Kathy O’Leary. This juried show awards prizes for first, second, and third place. Artists must submit their work at A1AA office, 434 Seventh St., Eureka, by 4 p.m. on April 29 to be eligible. Entry fee per art piece is \$15; artists can submit a maximum of two pieces.

The exhibit will be held at the A1AA office and can be viewed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through June 29.

For more information, call the Ink People at (707) 442-8413 or A1AA at (707) 442-3763. Funds raised from this event will help seniors and artists in the community.



COUNTRY FOLK ORIGINALS
TRIO Rita Hosking, Sean Feder and Bill Dakin appear at the Arcata Playhouse this Sunday. PHOTO BY STEVE FISCH

CREAMERY DISTRICT – Rita Hosking writes and sings classic country-folk originals, songs that sound like they’ve been around for a while and will be for a while yet.

She has released a new album of original, award-winning material every other year for the past 10 years, including *Come Sunrise*, which won Best Country Album in the 2010 Independent Music Awards. She tours extensively, and has performed at California festivals such as the Strawberry Music Festival, Kate Wolf Music Festival and more.

Hosking grew up in Northern California – in a haunted house on Hatchet Mountain, according to a story she told NPR’s *Weekend Edition* – and now lives in Davis. A descendant of Cornish miners who sang in the mines, she grew up with a strong respect for the power of the voice.

The Rita Hosking Trio – with Hosking on guitar, harmonica and banjo, Sean Feder on dobro and banjo and Bill Dakin on the upright bass – performs at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., one night only, Sunday, March 20 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15/\$13 for students and Playhouse members and are available at Wildberries Marketplace, brownpapertickets.com or by calling (707) 822-1575 for reservations. arcataplayhouse.org, ritahosking.com

Marvels, wonders and secrets revealed at Humboldt Juggling Fest

HUMBOLDT JUGGLING FESTIVAL
HUMBOLDT STATE – The 16th Annual Humboldt Juggling Festival, featuring a roster of international and local talent, is this weekend, Friday to Sunday, March 18 to 20 at the West Gym on the campus of Humboldt State. This free festival has games, workshops and more.

Learn to juggle, spin poi, engage your inner clown or expand your own interests and skill sets at free workshops all three days from 10 a.m. to midnight.

Local circus professionals and Humboldt State students present *Weightless!* at the Van Duzer Theatre on the HSU campus on Saturday, March 19 at 7 p.m. *Weightless!* features performers International Juggling Association Champion Cindy Marvell, Curt Carlyle of the seriously funny *Curt Show*, aerialist sensation and contortionist Jennifer Deacon, hat trickster extraordinaire Bri Crabtree, “blartastic” talent Jeremiah Johnston, tapping marvel Holly Johnston, comedic acrobatic juggling troupe Something Ridiculous, Eli “Doctor Bonkers” March, Circus Luminiscense, contact ball sorcerer Connor Austin, poi spinning wonder Chris Kelly, charming sideshow illusionist Justin Credible, returning favorite “Juggle Sensei” Matt Hall, local wizard at play A’Okay the clown and many more.

The show is a fundraiser for the festival. Tickets are \$15/free for kids 12 and under with an accompanying/paying adult and are available at Wildberries Marketplace and at the door.

The Humboldt Juggling Society has been a community organization for almost two decades. This event is made possible by The Humboldt Juggling Society’s volunteer staff and donations from the community.

For a full schedule of the weekend’s events, visit humboldtjugglingsociety.org.

Love and hatred, loyalty and jealousy, hope and revenge, tyranny and cruelty, ‘Blood and Thunder’ at Dell’Arte

DELL’ARTE INTERNATIONAL
BLUE LAKE – The struggle of the human spirit to overcome injustice and adversity is the heart of melodrama, a theatrical form characterized by grand emotions, gripping human stories and dauntless physical style. Join Dell’Arte’s first year actor-creators as they perform original melodramas of their own devising in *Blood And Thunder: Melodrama Lives*, this week.

A popular style that originated in Europe and America in the 19th century, melodrama at its best conveys the sufferings and

triumphs of human life in the grip of powerful external forces: love and hatred, loyalty and jealousy, hope and revenge, tyranny and cruelty. Characters are tested by terrible adversity, so that the forces of good may rise and triumph in the end. When all seems lost, courage, love, honor and justice prevail against impossible odds.

Blood And Thunder: Melodrama Lives is comprised of a collection of theatrical stories created by Dell’Arte’s first year ensemble, featuring 17 students from around the world. The short plays are highly phys-

ical and poetic, and heightened by music (the original meaning of “melodrama” is “music-drama”).

Following five weeks of intensive study with Dell’Arte Master Teachers Lauren Wilson, Michael Fields, James Peck and guest teacher Evamarie Johnson, this international ensemble of actors brings you an evening of evocative and powerful theatre alive with the force of their convictions.

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tor-creator. Dell’Arte offers the only MFA in Ensemble Based Physical Theatre in the U.S. Students from all over the world attend Dell’Arte.

Blood And Thunder: Melodrama Lives runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 17 to 19 at 8 p.m., at the Carlo Theatre, 131 H. St. in Blue Lake.

All performances are pay-what-you-can. For reservations, call (707) 668-5663 or visit dellarte.com.

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McKinleyville Art Night!

Friday, March 18
6:00 ~ 8:00 pm

McKinleyville Art Night will be Friday, March 18th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Join us for our community's celebration of local art and artists for music, food and fun. You can find more information about the artists and venues and see additional images online at www.mckinleyvilleartsnight.com.

at the Airport:

EUREKA-ARCATA AIRPORT
View artwork by Humboldt County artists at the long term exhibit coordinated by the Redwood Art Association. The exhibit features work by Shawn Gould, Joyce Jonte, Peggy Loudon, Kathy Stotler and Marceau Verdier.

Central Avenue East:

BLAKE'S BOOKS (2005 Central Ave.)
Tina Gleave, artist-in-residence: silk scarves, shawls, and silk paintings
Musical Guest: Harry Smith, keyboard and Patrick Cleary, bass

Hiller Road:

MCKINLEYVILLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (1450 Hiller Rd.)
Special Event: Bring your family out to a night of art and fun with special activities from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Come prepared for a fun night for children of all ages.

GRACE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH (1450 Hiller Rd.)
Al Bird: photography
Musical Guests: Enjoy a special performance by the McKinleyville Middle School Advanced Band. MMS Advanced Band consists of 14 dedicated students from 7th and 8th grade. Come enjoy a set of music that will range from Marches, Overtures and a little taste of the Movies.

McKinleyville Art Night!

Meet the artists during McKinleyville Art Night!
McKinleyville Art Night continues to be the third Friday of each month and is open for all McKinleyville businesses to display the work of our local artists. For more information, contact coordinator Taffy Stockton at (707) 834-6460.

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Something for everyone at McK Grange breakfast

Cheryl Kingham
SPECIAL TO THE UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – Extra special events will happen at the Dow’s Prairie Grange monthly pancake breakfast and flea market on Saturday, March 19. The Dow’s Prairie Grange is at 3995 Dow’s Prairie Rd. in McKinleyville.

Breakfast is served from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; this month’s special is the Tsunami Scramble in recognition of live tsunami warning system tests done in Humboldt each year in late March. Large breakfasts are \$5, small are \$3.

The flea market is held in the front hall until 3 p.m. If you are interested in having a table at the flea market, contact BJ Fitzpatrick at (707) 840-9878.

As an added bonus, the McKinleyville Lions Club will again offer free spot vision screening from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This screening is open to individuals of all ages and is proven to be especially helpful in the early detection of vision issues in children. The screening takes only seconds, and participants will be given a detailed printout that shows the results. The spot vision screening detects myopia, hyperopia, strabismus or eye misalignment as well as other eye structure problems.

A brand new ADA-compliant bathroom has just been completed at the Grange as a Gold Award project by Ambassador Girl Scout Alexis Matlock. With local donations and a grant from the McKinleyville Area Fund, Alexis’ project has made the Dow’s Prairie Grange much more accessible to everyone in the community.

A special educational display on disaster readiness will also be at the event.

Additionally, non-perishable food and school supplies are being collected for the Easter Holiday Basket program to benefit teens in crisis at Mack High.

Shop for bargains, enjoy a great breakfast and free vision screening, learn about disaster preparedness and consider donating to help local students all at the same time and place this Saturday!

GRIEF SUPPORT Hospice of Humboldt offers free drop-in grief support groups every week. The Arcata group meets Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of Jacoby’s Storehouse, 791 Eighth St. Eureka groups meet Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays (Slipper Club – casual drop-in session) from 9 to 10:30 a.m., all at the Hospice office, 3327 Timber Fall Court. The Fortuna group meets Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Fortuna (Formerly Sequoia Springs), 2401 Redwood Way. (707) 267-9801, hospiceofhumboldt.org

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26. Tropical fig tree

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37. ____ like; appear to be

39. Malice

41. Word on a banana

42. Typo

44. Chairs and benches

46. Green expanse

47. Western movie

49. Rush

51. Sufferings

54. Defeatist’s word

55. Eat like a mouse

56. Thought about

60. Palm, for one

61. Broad ditch

63. Similar

64. “____ deal!”

65. Border

66. ____ with; carrying

67. One of Noah’s boys

68. Poor marks

69. Flowers-to-be

DOWN

1. Pesky insect

2. Tear apart

3. Hertz Rent-____

4. Ragtime dance in which the whole body shakes

5. Louisiana’s state bird

6. Rubber glove material

7. Waist items

8. Part of each week: abbr.

9. Tax to the utmost

10. Lamented

11. Praying figure

12. Guillotined queen

13. Ask divine favor for

21. Utensil parts

23. Let fall

25. Italian staple

26. Low

27. State positively

28. ____-do-well; bum

29. Emotional one

32. Domed projections

34. Numskull

35. Away from the wind

36. Skinny

38. Night light

40. Green Mountain Boys’ leader

43. Metal bar

45. Footwear

48. Swarmed

50. Engraved pillars

51. Those who lobby against a measure

52. Circumference

53. Quite heavy

54. Dove shelters

56. Summon electronically

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K-9 CREW Arcata Police Department’s Sgt. Ron Sligh, K-9 Zari, Police Chief Tom Chapman and Lt. Bart Silvers accept a giant \$1,000 check, a personal donation to help equip a new K-9, from Councilmember Michael Winkler, in civvies. “I know how important police dogs have been for you,” Winkler told Chapman. “This is a great opportunity for us,” Chapman replied. “It will really help kickstart things.” Jessiah Class, below right, is ready to make it easy for you to help. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION

Ginger Campbell
SPECIAL TO THE UNION

ARCATA – Has it really been seven and a half years since Zari set all four feet in Arcata as Sgt. Ron Sligh’s 24/7 patrol protection canine? Yes it has! Zari, is turning nine on March 23, and is in great health and still anxious to get in the patrol car each morning.

Earlier in the year however, Bronko, our other APD K-9, had to retire because of health issues. So “therefore, be it resolved” (as they say at the City Council), there shall be a new K-9 to replace Bronko and to give

the Arcata Police Department a new K-9 to patrol the streets of Arcata, to help with “K-9 events” at the local schools and to be one of the lucky APD officers’ new 24/7 K-9.

The Arcata City Council voted unanimously last week to fund the purchase of the canine (\$8,500) and to pay for the initial handler/K-9 30-day training at the Witmer-Tyson Imports facilities in the bay area. However, this was funded with the agreement that fundraising would take place to provide many of the necessities for the new canine. This includes an outdoor kennel, doghouse,

Lovely ladies who would love to lounge in your living room

For some reason, we see a lot more male dogs than female that come through the shelter. It could be that unaltered males are very prone to wandering, and the majority of dogs that arrive at the shelter are not neutered. Yet another argument in favor of getting dogs spayed and neutered; it definitely helps to keep them at home.

We have a couple of the ladies to feature today, one available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter and one through Redwood Pals Rescue.

Allie is a beautiful tri-colored 5-year-old female. Some of us think there could be Swiss Mountain Dog in her background, based on her size and the markings on her pretty face.

Allie has been at the shelter since November, and volunteers have commented on what great prog-

ress she has made on leash training, a plus in a dog that is big and strong.

She is very friendly with other dogs and particularly likes the boys! She just loved the hound dog, Rover, that was featured here recently, and didn’t mind his vocal style at all. We’ll be introducing her to some other dogs this week so she can find a new best friend since Rover was adopted.

Allie is always happy to see her volunteer friends and loves to get out in the play yard where she can show off her command of

vaccinations. She is waiting to meet you at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. The shelter is open Monday through Friday. More info is available at (707) 840-9132.

Redwood Pals Rescue has Sam, an older female shepherd mix. We think Sam is about 8 years old.

Sam is with our rescue because she does not wish to spend her golden years with another dog, preferring to be the only dog in the home. Though she is not a good candidate for visiting a dog park, she is not unmanageable either. She understands when told to ignore other dogs that might be out for their

own walks.

This dog has a lot of affection to give someone who would like a good house companion that still has energy to get out for a nice walk. Sam is housebroken and seems to do fine around cats. Her exercise requirements are lower than what a younger dog would require.

If you have room in your heart and home for this senior girl, please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or call (707) 839-9692. Sam is spayed and current on her vaccinations. Like all of our rescue dogs, Sam comes with a consult from a trainer so that everyone gets off to a good start.

SEEKING NONPROFITS The Arcata Theatre Lounge (ATL), 1036 G St. in Arcata, is proud to announce Nights for Non-Profits. Beginning in April, the ATL is donating one night a month, rent-free, to a qualified nonprofit organization for their fundraising event. Nights for Nonprofits allows ATL to give back to the local community and raise awareness for local charities and non-profits in Humboldt County. Inquire at info@arcatatheatre.com for further information.

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Sweet strains to drown out the rain

There is fine music to suit every ear this weekend in Trinidad, starting with Third Friday Jazz featuring the RLA Trio. See them perform at Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA), 501 South Westhaven Dr., on March 18 at 7 p.m. Jazz violinist Michael Donovan, a regular at Blondies Sunday Jazz Jams who also performs with The Attics and La Musique Diabolique, will be guest artist with the trio. Admission is \$5 to \$10 sliding scale. Call (707) 677-9493 for details.

Saturday night brings SambAmore, performing New Orleans-style tunes, to Trinidad Town Hall for the Trinidad School Education Fund gala, a Mardi Gras Celebration, on March 19. There will be street fare catering by Ms. M's, oysters on the half shell, silent and live auctions and



PIANO VOCE Richard Duning, Nancy Correll, Annette Gurnee Hull and Carl McGahan.

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revelry are included in the admission price of \$50. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the event is 21 and over. Tickets available at Trinidad School or call (707) 677-3631.

Sunday's Piano Voce concert with Annette Gurnee Hull and Nancy Correll on the Steinway and Carl McGahan sharing his rich vocal interpretations begins at 3 p.m. on March 20 in Trinidad Town Hall. Richard Duning will narrate the unabashedly romantic program. Admission is a \$15 suggested donation and proceeds benefit the Trinidad Library.

Voices of Spring, featuring the Messiah Family Ministries' Children, Youth and Adult Choirs, will take place at the McKinleyville Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1200 Central Ave., on Saturday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, March 20 at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Don Cushman is the director. Angela Burkhart and Dan and Kathleen Ely accompany the choir. You'll recognize some of your friends from Trinidad performing in these beautifully-trained choirs. Admission is by free will

offering.

Yoga and more at WCA

Bonnie Etz writes with high praise for Jaime Kessloff's All Level Bliss Yoga class each Friday from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. at WCA. Bonnie recommends the teacher as "gentle and encouraging" and adds that it is wonderful to practice yoga in the redwood setting at WCA. Drop-in rate is \$11. Call Jaime at (707) 460-0303 or go to livingourdivinity.com for more information.

Other popular exercise classes at WCA are All Level Hatha Yoga with Mickie Vetri, Yoga Morning Flow with Amy Day and Tai Chi Made EZ with Glenda Hesselstine. Visit westhavencenter.org for details or call (707) 677-9493.

While at WCA, you can enjoy the new "Honorable Mention" exhibit by students in the HSU Honors Painting Class, on view in the gallery.

Also, Jeff Stanley offers painting classes on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Library Arm Chair Travel Series

Susan Stephenson has traveled all around the world and stayed at length in Mongolia, Bhutan, Thailand, India, Europe and other distant lands, getting to know the people and culture in depth. Her most recent excursion was to Morocco, and she will tell about that adventure on Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at Trinidad Library. The event is free of charge.

The arm chair travel adventures are popular. Arrive early to claim your chair.

CCC generosity

California Conservation Corps (CCC) volunteers Sierra Preston, Eijah Walker, Justin White, Brian Dohman, Wyatt Miera, Ethan Smith, Adam Greenberg and Shane Holden attacked invasive berry vines and other intruding vegetation at



VOICES OF SPRING The Messiah Choirs.

PHOTO COURTESY REBECCA BERTAIN

the Trinidad Museum Native Plant Garden last week. Garden chair Jill Mefford and Ingrid Bailey worked with the energetic crew, encouraged on by Jill's chocolate chip cookies and lunch at Lighthouse Grill. Many thanks from garden appreciators for the CCC workers who drove from Fortuna to help.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

OBITUARY

Joseph (Joe) John Myers

Joseph (Joe) John Myers was born in Northampton, Mass., on Dec. 11, 1944. He unexpectedly passed away on Feb. 25, 2016, at his home in McKinleyville, leaving behind his wife, Madeline Myers; daughter, Lyra Myers; brother, George Myers; stepsons, Todd and Sean Curry, and many more friends and family.

Soon after high school graduation, Joe headed west by way of Alaska, settling in the San Francisco Bay area and later, Northern California.

He was a skilled artisan, creating and restoring beautiful stained glass windows and lamps on display in homes, museums, churches and even a casino. An avid gardener, Joe graduated with a degree in hor-

ticulture from Merritt College in Oakland and became a Master Gardener through UC Berkeley Extension. His garden was his continuous canvas.

We are thankful for all the beauty he created and shared during his lifetime, and grateful for that which he has left behind for so many to enjoy.

He lived a life filled to the brim, but for those of us left behind, he left too soon, taking with him his flamboyant use of adjectives!

There will be a celebration of his life in the spring. Donations may be made in Joe's memory to Food For People, The Food Bank for Humboldt County, 307 West 14th St., Eureka, CA, 95501.

Blue Lake tribe & casino win awards

BLUE LAKE CASINO & HOTEL

BLUE LAKE – Blue Lake Casino & Hotel and the Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe won two national marketing awards in the Community Giving category at the Tribal Spirit of Giving Awards event held in San Diego in January.

Blue Lake Casino & Hotel and the Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe place a strong emphasis on supporting the local community. Whether they are partnering with community outreach groups to raise funds and awareness for important causes, purchasing from local businesses, taking action to curb climate change with their green initiatives or making donations to local schools and charities, the tribe and the casino are always looking for new and innovative ways to make a positive impact.

The Blue Lake Rancheria was named a Climate Action Champion for 2015 by the White House and the U.S. Department of Energy for its forward-thinking green initiatives, including implementing a green waste-fueled hydrogen power plant, refining bio-

diesel from kitchen waste to run the tribal fleet and partnering with local educators and innovators to further science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

In an effort to raise local awareness about being named a Climate Action Champion, the tribe and Blue Lake Casino & Hotel started the "Care to Share" promotional campaign, linking the tribe's green commitments to the casino's promotions and advertising by offering energy-efficient appliances, a home solar system and an electric car as prizes to casino guests.

For their efforts in becoming a more sustainable member of the local community, as well as growing local awareness of their green initiatives, the Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe and Blue Lake Casino & Hotel received a national marketing award, winning First Place in the Community Giving category at the Tribal Spirit of Giving Awards.

Throughout 2015, Blue Lake Casino & Hotel also partnered with local motorcycle clubs to raise awareness and funds for

a variety of causes. From April to September, the casino partnered with Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), Humboldt County Fog Dogs and United Bikers of Northern California (UBNC), each supporting causes important to the community.

Coming together to help feed local families and school children, support local veterans, give to families fighting childhood cancer and fund groups such as the Chelsea Hutchinson Foundation and the St. Baldrick's Foundation, the casino and the biker spirit of the Redwood Coast teamed up to raise over \$29,000 in 2015.

Blue Lake Casino & Hotel placed extra focus on these causes with their Bikes in Blue Lake promotion, offering motorcycle related prizes – including an Indian Scout motorcycle – to guests between July and September.

For their charitable efforts, Blue Lake Casino & Hotel won another national marketing award, claiming Second Place in the Community Giving category at the Tribal Spirit of Giving Awards.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00111

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LA PATRIA MARISCOS AND GRILL RESTAURANT** 1718 4TH ST. EUREKA, CA 95501 **ADRIAN A. AYALA** 1441 WALKER POINT RD. BAYSIDE, CA 95524 **BAYSIDE, CA 95524** This business is conducted by: **S/SICLARI AYALA, MANAGER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 16, 2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS** **S.CARNS** DEPUTY 224, 32, 39, 316

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00067

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **UMBEL FARMS** 1302 ANVICK RD. ARCATA, CA 95521 2420 TINA CT. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 **LOREN J. PALMISANO** 2420 TINA CT. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 **WILLIAM R. HAUSER** 2420 TINA CT. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: **A Married Couple** **S/LOREN PALMISANO, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 26, 2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS** **A. ABRAM** DEPUTY 224, 32, 39, 316

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00067

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOONRISE HERBS** 826 G STREET ARCATA, CA 95521 **IRENE E. LEWIS** 1970 COLUMBUS AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 This business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL** **S/IRENE E. LEWIS, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 17, 2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS** **Z. HALMAN** DEPUTY 224, 32, 39, 316

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00152

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MIGHTY MTN FARMS** 16B CAPELL RD. HOOPA, CA 95546 **P.O. BOX 1391**

HOOPA, CA 95546 **BRANDON W. PFEIFFER** 16B CAPELL RD. HOOPA, CA 95546 This business is conducted by: **An Individual** **S/BRANDON W. PFEIFFER, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on 02/29/2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS** **MM** DEPUTY CLERK 3/9, 316, 323, 330

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00154

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BOSS HOG FARMS** 1983 HOLLY DR. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 **RYAN D. ROSS** 1983 HOLLY DR. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 This business is conducted by: **An Individual** **S/RYAN ROSS, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on 03/01/2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS** **MM** DEPUTY CLERK 3/9, 316, 323, 330

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00168

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BROOKDALE FORTUNA**

2401 REDWOOD WAY FORTUNA, CA 95540 **BROOKDALE VEHICLE HOLDING, LLC** 200827410088 111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE 400 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

This business is conducted by: **A Limited Liability Company** **S/ERIC HOAGLUND, MANAGER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on 03/03/2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS** **AA** DEPUTY CLERK 3/16, 323, 330, 46

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00183

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **RENAISSANCE INTERNET** 1033 G ST. ARCATA, CA 95521 **THOMAS J. CAMOZZI** 4392 BROWNS RD. EUREKA, CA 95503

This business is conducted by: **An Individual** **S/THOMAS J CAMOZZI, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on 03/09/2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS** **AA** DEPUTY CLERK 3/16, 323, 330, 46

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00128

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HAPPY CAMPER REDWOOD TOURS** 1029 11TH ST. ARCATA, CA 95521 **HAPPY CAMPER REDWOOD TOURS LLC** 1029 11TH ST. ARCATA, CA 95521 This business is conducted by: **A Limited Liability Company** **S/JAKE A. DRAKE, CAMP DIRECTOR** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on 02/22/2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS** **MM** DEPUTY CLERK 3/16, 323, 330, 46

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

MELINDA K. MURRISH **KEPNER FOR MADISON ZELANICK** **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT** **CASE NO. CV160140** **TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** 1. Petitioner **MELINDA K. MURRISH-KEPNER** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: **MADISON ELIZABETH ZELANICK** to Proposed name **MADISON ELIZABETH MURRISH**.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: April 4, 2016 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: FEB. 19, 2016 **DALE A. REINHOLTSSEN** Judge of the Superior Court 3/2, 3/9, 316, 323

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ELSIE E. INIGUEZ **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT** **CASE NO. CV160125** **TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** 1. Petitioner **ELSIE ELENA INIGUEZ** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **ELSIE ELENA INIGUEZ** to Proposed name **ELSIE ELENA GONSALVES**. 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: April 4, 2016 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 8

the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: April 11, 2016 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: FEB. 11, 2016 **ARNOLD ROSENFELD** Judge of the Superior Court 3/9, 316, 323, 330

SUMMONS (JOINDER) CASE NO.: FL140420 MARRIAGE OF PETITIONER: Kimberly Tritchler RESPONDENT: Silverio Sanchez CLAIMANT:

Ronald S. Sanchez Sr. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in

this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response or pleading, if any, may be filed on time.

1. TO THE PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT A pleading has been filed under and order joining **RONALD S. SANCHEZ SR.** as a party in this proceeding. If you fail to file an appropriate pleading within 30 days of the date this summons is served on you, your default may be entered and the court may enter a judgement containing the relief requested in the pleading, court costs, and such other relief as may be granted by the court, which could result in the garnishment of wages, taking of money or property, or other relief.

3. NOTICE TO PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual. Dated: Dec. 02 2015 Clerk, By Cecile Nesslerage, Deputy YOU MUST APPEAR IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501 Date: April 6, 2016 Time: 1:30 p.m. Dept.: 6 3/16, 323, 330, 46



DUNE DO-OVER Until recently, a hideous field of trash of uncertain vintage blighted the foredune in Manila north of the main trail. That is, until Third District supervisorial candidate Uri Driscoll and his wife Chris picked it up, and “the boys” packed it out. Driscoll said the wet clothing and garbage weighed about 550 pounds. Left, the boys wait patiently, tethered to a large Shore pine as the candidate cleanses the landscape. PHOTOS COURTESY URI DRISCOLL CAMPAIGN



AUDUBON MARSH TRIP Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, March 19**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Cédric Duhalde in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

DUNES RESTORATION Volunteers are needed to help restore the BLM Ma-le'l Dunes South property on **Saturday, March 19** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will remove invasive plants to make room for more native diversity. Gloves, tools and snacks are provided. Please wear closed-toed shoes and bring drinking water. Meet at the BLM Ma-le'l Dunes South parking area off of Young Lane in Manila. (707) 444-1397, jess@friendsofthedunes.org

AUDUBON SOHUM BIRD WALK Join Redwood Regional Audubon Society on **Saturday, March 19** for a bird walk at the Southern Humboldt Community Park in Garberville. Ken Burton will be the guest leader for this month's walk. All ages and experience levels are encouraged to participate and revel in the beauty of the park and its avian inhabitants on this easy, two to three-hour walk. Binoculars are not provided and dogs are not allowed. Steady rain cancels. Meet at 9:30 a.m.; park at the Tooby Park parking lot, which is about 100 yards past the entrance to the park. (707) 444-8001

TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE DAY Celebrate Take a Child Outside Day and do some hands-on play-learning at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center at 569 South G St. on **Saturday, March 19** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids get a passport to fun activ-

ities along the 0.6 mile Log Pond Loop Trail! Zoom in on pond water, make animal tracks, take a silent walk to a bird roost and meet rescued raptors! Teachers and school staff, enjoy an environmental resource fair inside the Interpretive Center. Meet environmental educators and learn about field trip and funding opportunities, in-class presentations and environment-themed curricula. Hosted by the Friends of the Arcata Marsh and featuring activities by Humboldt Wildlife Care Center, Friends of the Dunes, Nature Joe, Northcoast Environmental Center, the Bureau of Land Management, Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Schatz Energy Research Center, Humboldt State University's Natural History Museum, California State Parks, SCRAP Humboldt, Redwood EdVentures and more! creec.org/events/3126, (707) 826-4479, ext. 3, creec@humboldt.edu

AUDUBON WATERFRONT WALK Accompany Redwood Region Audubon Society on **Sunday, March 20** for a field trip to the Eureka Waterfront. Meet leader Ralph Bucher at 9 a.m. at the foot of Del Norte Street, where participants will scope birds

from the public dock. Attendees will then drive to the trailhead at Truesdale Street and bird along the trail through the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary. Contact Ralph at (707) 499-1247 or via email at thebook@reninet.com.

GEAR DONATIONS SOUGHT Friends of the Dunes needs you to donate or consign your gently used outdoor gear for the annual Get Outside Gear Sale, **Saturday, April 9** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. Admission is free. This popular fundraiser supports coastal education and conservation programs and is a great place to find deals on gear while enjoying live music, food, beer and kids activities. Donate that bike/surfboard/tent/fishing pole by dropping them off at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, or take your donation to Adventure's Edge in Arcata or Eureka during March and get a 15 percent off coupon to use at their stores. Typical gear includes camping and backpacking equipment, guides and maps, child carriers, bicycles, disc golf and more. friendsofthedunes.org, (707) 444-1397

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ATTEND Kev's Sendoff Event Thursday, March 31 at 6 p.m. at Hotel Arcata's Banquet Room. Check out Kev's awesome PCT hike rig, then talk trails and more with **Mark Lovelace**, Sunny Brae Forest pioneer; **Mark Andre**, Arcata Environmental Services director; **Rees Hughes**, author of the *Pacific Crest Trailside Reader* and Volunteer Trail Steward; **Robert Berg**, DDS, chair of the Children's Dental Angel Fund; and **Maureen McGarry**, director of RSVP/VCOR.

JUST ADDED: At 7:30 p.m., enjoy a talk by **Glenn Branch**, deputy director, National Center for Science Education, who will discuss doubt and denial about climate change, and how it affects science education. Sponsored by Humboldt Skeptics.

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